

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

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24. (Currently Amended) An internet-based method of executing a transaction involving a transfer of an interest in a ~~property~~ an intellectual property asset ~~from between~~ a first party ~~to and~~ a second party, the method comprising:

(a) receiving at a computer system of the first party, from the second party via the internet, first information regarding a nature of the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset;

(b) performing, at least partly by way of the computer system of the first party, at least one processing operation in response to the receiving of the first information, wherein the processing operation involves making a determination of whether the intellectual property asset is at least one of potentially desired by the first party and potentially available for transfer from the first party;

(c) obtaining receiving at the computer system, from the second party via the internet, second information regarding at least one restriction an extent of the interest in the concerning the property intellectual property asset that is at least one of potentially available for transfer from the second party to the first party and desired by the second party;

(~~e~~) (d) providing a proposed agreement onto the internet regarding the transfer of the interest in the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset ~~from between~~ the first party ~~to and~~ the second party, wherein the agreement is generated at least in part based upon the second information ~~reflective of the at least one restriction concerning the property asset;~~ and

(~~d~~) (e) receiving an indication of acceptance of the proposed agreement by the second party,

whereby the transaction involving the transfer of the interest in the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset between the first and second parties is executed.

25. (Currently Amended) The internet-based method of claim 24, wherein ~~the property asset is an intellectual property asset~~ the processing operation includes at least one of:

(i) checking a status of the intellectual property asset;

(ii) determining whether the intellectual property asset is owned by the first party;

(iii) analyzing a technology relating to the intellectual property asset;

- (iv) analyzing a product relating to the intellectual property asset;
- (v) analyzing a market relating to the intellectual property asset;
- (vi) reviewing recorded information concerning at least one additional transaction with which the first party has been involved;
- (vii) reviewing recorded information concerning at least one inquiry that the first party has received;
- (viii) conducting an acquisition of at least one desired intellectual property asset;
- and
- (ix) generating valuation information relating to the intellectual property asset.

26. (Currently Amended) The internet-based method of claim 25, wherein the first party is an intellectual property investment bank that owns the interest in the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset prior to the transaction being executed, and wherein the processing operation includes at least two of (i) – (ix).

27. (Original) The internet-based method of claim 25, wherein the proposed agreement is at least partly generated in an automatic manner, and wherein the processing operation includes at least three of (i) – (ix).

28. (Currently Amended) The internet-based method of claim ~~25~~ 24, wherein the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset is a patent.

29. (Currently Amended) The internet-based method of claim 28, wherein the first information regarding the patent includes at least one of a patent number, a filing date of the patent, a title of the patent, an issue date of the patent, patent expiration information, an inventor listed on the patent, patent ownership information, a technical subject matter of the patent, product information regarding a product within a scope of the patent, and a market with respect to which the patent is applicable.

30. (Currently Amended) The internet-based method of claim 28, wherein the second information includes at least one of: an indication of whether the second party wishes to

fully purchase the patent; an indication of whether the second party wishes to fully sell the patent; an indication of whether the second party wishes to license the patent; ~~and~~ an indication of whether the second party wishes to at least one of receive and provide an exclusive license to the patent; an indication of whether the second party wishes to at least one of receive and provide a nonexclusive license to the patent; an indication of a time period during which the second party wishes to license the patent; an indication of a geographical region with respect to which the second party wishes to license the patent; an indication of whether there are limitations on sublicensing of the patent by at least one of the first party and the second party; an indication of whether there is a field of use restriction in relation to licensing of the patent; an indication of a royalty rate pertinent to licensing of the patent; and an indication confirming ownership of the property asset by at least one of the first party and the second party.

31. (Currently Amended) The ~~internet-base~~ internet-based method of claim 30, ~~wherein the second information is received off of the internet at the computer system~~ further comprising:

receiving at the computer system, via the internet, third information regarding identification information identifying the second party.

32. (Currently Amended) The internet-based method of claim 24, further comprising:
receiving at the computer system, via the internet, third information regarding a bid price for the interest in the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset.

33. (Currently Amended) The internet-based method of claim 24, wherein (a)-(e) concern the transfer of the interest in the intellectual property asset from the first party to the second party, and further comprising, prior to (a):

receiving at the computer system, from the internet, at least one of the first information and third information regarding the nature of the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset;

providing an additional proposed agreement onto the internet regarding an additional transfer of at least one of the interest in the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset and an additional interest in the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset; and

receiving an indication of acceptance of the proposed agreement by a third party, whereby an additional transaction involving the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset is executed between the first and third parties, so that the first party obtains the interest in the ~~property~~ intellectual property asset that is subsequently transferred to the second party.

34. (Currently Amended) The internet-based method of claim 24, wherein ~~the property asset is a real property asset~~ the processing includes storing of information in a database, and wherein the intellectual property asset is at least one of patent, a pending patent application, an invention, a trademark, a trademark, a trade secret and a copyright.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating a transfer of a first interest in an ~~intellectual property~~ a patent asset between first and second parties ~~by way of a third party that is an intellectual property investment bank ("IPIB")~~, the method comprising:

receiving, at a computer system of the first party off of an internet-type communications link, first information concerning the patent asset, wherein the first information includes at least one of:

a number identifying the patent asset, a filing date, an issue date, expiration information, a title, an inventor name, ownership information, descriptive information concerning a technical subject matter of the patent asset, product information regarding a product that is within a scope of the patent asset, and market information regarding a market to which the patent asset pertains;

receiving second information regarding an extent of the first interest in the patent asset;

providing a proposed agreement onto the internet regarding the transfer of the first interest in the patent asset between the first party and the second party; and

transferring a the first second interest in the intellectual property patent asset from one of the first party and the second party to the IPIB other of the first party and the second party by concluding a first agreement between the first party and the IPIB second party, wherein due to the transferring of the second interest the IPIB obtains at least one of an ownership stake in the intellectual property asset and a license to the intellectual property asset; and

~~transferring the first interest in the intellectual property asset from the IPIB to the second party by concluding a second agreement between the second party and the IPIB, wherein the second interest at least one of encompasses and is identical to the first interest,~~

~~wherein each of the first and second agreements is at least partly generated in an automatic manner based upon information received by the third party from the first and second parties.~~

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~the IPIB generates and provides at least one of the first and second agreements to at least one of the first and second parties via the internet~~ the patent asset includes at least one of a patent and a pending patent application.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, ~~further comprising, prior to the transferring of the second interest:~~

~~receiving first information at the IPIB from the first party concerning a nature of the intellectual property asset; and~~

~~receiving second information at the IPIB from the first party concerning a requirement of the first party in relation to any transfer pertaining to the intellectual property asset~~ wherein the first information concerns a nature of the patent asset, and consequently concerns at least one of an identity, a type, a technology focus, a product relationship and a market scope of the patent asset.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, further comprising, ~~subsequent to the transferring of the second interest but prior to the transferring of the first interest:~~

~~receiving first information at the IPIB from the second party concerning a desired nature of the intellectual property asset; and~~

~~receiving second information at the IPIB from the second party concerning a restriction of the second party in relation to any transfer pertaining to the intellectual property asset performing processing of at least one of the first and second information, wherein the processing allows for a determination concerning at least one of a financial value of the patent asset, a technological scope of the patent asset, a market/product coverage of the patent asset, an ownership/possessory status of the patent asset, and whether there have been past inquiries concerning the patent asset.~~

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, ~~wherein the intellectual property asset is a~~ 35, wherein the first interest is transferred from the first party to the second party, and further comprising:

transferring at least one of the first interest and a second interest in the patent asset from a third party to the first party by concluding a second agreement between the first party and the third party, wherein the second interest at least one of encompasses and is identical to the first interest.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, ~~wherein the first information regarding the patent includes at least one of a patent number, a filing date of the patent, an issue date of the patent, a technical subject matter of the patent, and a market with respect to which the patent is applicable~~ further comprising:

receiving at the computer system of the first party, from the third party via the internet-type communications link, further information regarding an extent of the second interest in the patent asset, and wherein each of the first and second agreements is at least partly generated in an automatic manner based upon the first, second and further information received by the first party from the second and third parties, respectively.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~39~~ 35, wherein the second information includes at least one of: an indication of whether the second party wishes to fully purchase the patent asset; an indication of whether the second party wishes to fully sell

the patent asset; an indication of whether the second party wishes to license the patent asset; ~~and an~~ indication of whether the second party wishes to at least one of grant and receive an exclusive license to the patent asset; an indication of whether the second party wishes to at least one of grant and receive a nonexclusive license to the patent asset; an indication of a time period during which the second party wishes to license the patent asset; an indication of a geographical region with respect to which the second party wishes to license the patent asset; an indication of whether there are limitations on sublicensing of the patent asset ~~by the second party~~; an indication of whether there is a field of use restriction in relation to licensing of the patent asset; an indication of a royalty rate pertinent to licensing of the patent asset; and an indication confirming ownership of the ~~property patent~~ asset ~~by the first party~~.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, ~~wherein a computer system of the IPIB is configured to conduct communications with computer systems associated with each of the first and second parties by way of the internet, and wherein the computer system of the IPIB performs processing based upon the first information~~ 43, wherein the service entity encompasses at least one of a lawyer and an accountant.

43. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating a transfer of a first interest in an intellectual property asset between first and second parties by way of a third party that is an intellectual property investment bank (IPIB) ~~and~~ operating in association with a fourth party that is an intellectual property exchange and a fifth party that is a service entity, the method comprising at least one of (a) and (b) as follows:

(a) (i) transferring a second interest in the intellectual property asset from the first party to the IPIB so that the IPIB obtains the second interest in the intellectual property asset, wherein the second interest at least one of encompasses and is identical to the first interest;

(ii) providing first information regarding the intellectual property asset from the IPIB to the intellectual property exchange;

(iii) receiving a first bid from the second party concerning the first interest in the intellectual property asset via the intellectual property exchange; and

(iv) executing a first agreement between the IPIB and the second party so as to transfer the first interest in the intellectual property asset from the IPIB to the second party, wherein whether the executing of the first agreement by the IPIB occurs is based at least in part upon first information received by the IPIB from the service entity; and

(b) (i) receiving second information regarding the intellectual property asset at the IPIB from the intellectual property exchange;

(ii) providing a second bid from the IPIB to the intellectual property exchange in relation to a third interest in the intellectual property asset, wherein the third interest at least one of encompasses and is identical to the first interest;

(iii) executing a second agreement between the IPIB and the first party so as to transfer the third interest in the intellectual property asset from the first party to the IPIB so that the IPIB obtains the third interest in the intellectual property asset, wherein whether the executing of the second agreement by the IPIB occurs is based at least in part upon second information received by the IPIB from the service entity; and

(iv) transferring the first interest in the intellectual property asset from the IPIB to the second party.